

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system for retrieving copies of paper documents. When maintenance is performed on a component of an aircraft, paper documents generally must be completed. The completed documents are digitized, and stored in a field of a database record, which contains three other fields, which indicate: (1) the identity of the form, (2) the identity of the aircraft, and (3) the date. Also, descriptions of the maintenance, the date, and the part undergoing maintenance, are entered into the configuration log of the aircraft, which is separate from the database records. The database records, and the configuration log, are computer-searchable. The digitized documents for a given part are easily retrieved, as by (1) searching the configuration log for the part and thereby (2) finding the date of maintenance. The date of maintenance allows retrieval of the database record containing the digitized documents of interest.

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